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SUBJECT: ILO COMMITTEE ON FEDOM OASSOCIATION: RECOMENDS
IN CASE OF URUGUAY

REF: (A) STATE 273520 (B) GB 201/11/26, 163RD REPORT OF FAC

1. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, SESSIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATI
COMMITTEE OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY ARE CLOSED AND U.S. IS
NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. THE ILO SECRETARIAT HAS TOLD
US IN CONFIDENCE THAT IT DOES NOT EXPECT THE GOVERNMENT OF
URUGUAY TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE JANUARY 31
DEADLINE, AND IT IS LIKELY THAT AT THE FEBRUARY SESSION, THE
FAC WILL RECOMMEND AND THE GOVERNING BODY WILL APPROVE A FACT-
FINDING AND CONCILIATION COMMISSION FOR URUGUAY. THE SUBSTANCE
OF ALL STATEMENTS OF THE COMPLAINANTS AND THE GOU ARE CONTAINED
IN REF B WHICH HAS BEEN POUCHED TO MONTEVIDEO. THE GB APPROVED
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FAC ARE IN PARA TWO BELOW. PARA THREE BELOW
CONTAINS THE TEXT OF PARA 52 OF REF B, WHICH ASKS THE GOU
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING CERTAIN TRADE UNIONS IN
URUGUAY.

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2. BEGIN TEXT:

54. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE GOVERNING BODY:

(A) TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN THAT NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING THE TRADE UNION SITUATION;

(B) TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THE NEED TO CREATE A NORMAL TRADE UNION SITUATION IN URUGUAY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND TO ADOPT TRADE UNION LEGISLATION IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONVENTIONS RATIFIED BY URUGUAY AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE ILO'S SUPERVISORY BODIES; TO REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT TO FORWARD DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTION TAKEN TO THIS EFFECT:

(C) TO NOTE THE RELEASE OF TRADE UNIONISTS AND THE DETAILS SUPPLIED BY THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE REASONS FOR ARRESTING CERTAIN DETAINED PERSONS, BUT TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO SUPPLY MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE SPECIFIC ACTIONS WITH WHICH NUMEROUS OTHER TRADE UNIONISTS STILL BEING DETAINED ARE CHARGED, TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF ANY JUDGMENTS RENDERED AND THE REASONS ADDUCED THEREFOR;

(D) TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT ONCE MORE TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT IN ALL THE CASES, INCLUDING THOSE IN WHICH TRADE UNIONISTS ARE CHARGED WITH OFFENCES OF A POLITICAL NATURE OR UNDER COMMON LAW, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS TO HAVE NO BEARING ON THEIR TRADE UNION FUNCTIONS OR ACTIVITIES, THE PERSONS CONCERNED SHOULD BE TRIED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE BY AN IMPARTIAL AND INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL AUTHORITY;

(E) TO REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT TO SEND INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE TRADE UNION ORGANISATION MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 52 ABOVE;

(F) TO REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT TO TRANSMIT ALL THIS INFORMATION BY 31 JANUARY 1977 AT THE LATEST, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT A FURTHER REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BODY AT ITS SESSION IN FEBRUARY-MARCH 1977, AND TO GIVE THE CONSENT TO THE EXAMINATION, IN URUGUAY, BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE TRADE UNION SITUATION.
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52. THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO DESIROUS OF OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TRADE UNION ORGANISATIONS WHICH THE COMPLAINANTS ALLEGE HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO SEARCHES, OCCUPATION OR

CLOSURE: THE NATIONAL UNION OF METAL AND ALLIED UNIONS (UNTMBA),
THE ASSOCIATION OF URUGUAYAN BANK EMPLOYEES (AEBU), THE STATE
ELECTRICITY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKERS' UNION (AUTE), THE
FEDERATION OF STATE WATER SERVICE OFFICIALS (OSB), THE
UNION OF WORKERS IN THE TIMBER AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES, THE
SINGLE UNION OF THE NATIONAL PORTS ADMINISTRATION (SUANP), THE
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE UNION OF WORKERS IN THE CATERING
TRADE AND THE PRIMARY TEACHERS' CO-ORDINATION MOVEMENT.
END TEXT. CATTO

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